

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Continuation Patent Application of: Attorney Docket No.: F-673

Feliks Bator et al.) Group Art Unit: 2876

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: K. Nguyen
(Continuation of 09/848,676)

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned) Customer No.: 00919

Filed: Concurrently Herewith) Date: July 22, 2003

Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTANT ONLINE POSTAGE METERING**

REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Mail Stop: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/848,676, filed on May 3, 2001, by Feliks Bator et al. for **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTANT ONLINE POSTAGE METERING**. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

1. Attached is a copy of the prior application, including the specification, claims, drawings and declaration and power of attorney as originally filed.
2. Cancel in this application original claim(s) 4-8 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee for this application. New claims 9-13 are being added by preliminary amendment.

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee						\$ 750.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Total Claims	8	- 20 =	0	X	\$18.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	X	\$84.00	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$280.00	= \$
Total Filing Fee						\$ 750.00

4. Please charge our Deposit Account Number **16-1885** in the amount of \$ 750.00 for the filing fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. The prior application is assigned of record to Pitney Bowes Inc.
7. A preliminary amendment of this application is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
8. Address all future communications to:
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9. I hereby verify that the attached application is a true copy of prior application serial number 09/848,676 as originally filed on May 3, 2001.
10. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.215, a clean copy of the specification and drawings, including the preliminary amendment, is also enclosed for publication purposes.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so much are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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SUBMISSION OF CLEAN SPECIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.215

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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a clean copy of the specification (21 pages) and (6) six sheets of drawings, including all changes made by preliminary amendment, for publication purposes. The claims remaining from the parent case and added by the preliminary amendment have been renumbered consecutively starting from number 1.

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Sir:

Please enter the attached six (6) sheets of six figures (Figs. 1-6) of formal drawings into the above-identified patent application.

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